

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—**St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated** to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

We are into Week Two already and it's hard to believe how fast Week One disappeared. We have a number of beginning of the year occasions coming up this week.

On Wednesday evening we have our class information night. The purpose of the evening is to allow your child's teacher to outline to you how they will organize their class for the year, the topics that they will be teaching and their expectations for the year.

Please remember that the expectation is that the teacher will be presenting general information, if you wish to discuss any personal or specific matters relating to your child then please make an appointment to meet your child's teacher at another time.

On Friday we hold our beginning of the year Mass and Whanau day.

The Mass will be held at 9.15am at St Mary's Church and at 12.30 the pupils will have a picnic lunch (they bring their own lunch) at Brooklands Park (the Rec across the road), followed by an afternoon of fun games starting at 1.15pm. We will have a wet weather back up plan if required. Parents are most welcome to come and support the pupils.

Our Whanau programme is a vital component of our school as it allows our senior pupils to act as leaders and to develop the necessary skills. These skills will be with them for the rest of their lives. It also allows our younger people to work as part of a group, larger than a family but smaller than a school and set the framework that allows them to aspire to a leadership role.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan.**

We welcome the following new pupils to our school:

Sam Hyde, and Ryah Monaghan in Room One, Olivia Matheson in Room Four, and Tony Walters in Room Seven.



**We also welcome our new teacher
Mrs Lisa Matheson in Room Four**



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

February

Wednesday 8th Class Information Evening
Friday 10th Opening School Mass 9.15
Whanau picnic day

- all parents and caregivers are most welcome to our picnic and the following games afternoon.

Thursday 16th Fish & Chip Night 5.30pm
BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15
Friday 24th Assembly Room 7, 2.20pm
Monday 27th Junior Swimming starts

Touch

Touch will start on Monday 12th February.

New teams are being formed as many children have changed grades. Please fill in a registration form if your child wishes to play, most children will have one of these already or see their class teacher.

Times are :

3.30pm Year 3 & 4

4pm Year 5 & 6

4.30pm Year 7 & 8

All children to wear our school sports uniform, blue school sports top, navy shorts and sports shoes.

Piano Lessons

Once again Robyn Taylor will be holding Piano lessons at our school.

If you are interested in your child beginning lessons please contact Robyn on 489 0382 for more details.

Stationery Lists

All children have their class stationery lists.

We will not be selling stationery from school this year due to having reasonably priced stationery available at Paper Plus in Mosgiel.

We will have some stationery available like pencils and rubbers for purchasing as required during the year.

The bottom section of the list have the costs to be paid to the school office, ie some senior classes have Maths Mates, Junior children have swimming etc, these costs are all listed.

A thought for the week...

I have learned to live each day as it comes and not to borrow trouble by dreading tomorrow.

-Dorothy Dix

School Uniform

Please remember that we at, St Mary's, have a uniform of which we are proud and we ask that right from the beginning of the year all people wear it with pride.

If you child is unable to come in uniform please send a note to their teacher explaining why and to enable us to treat these matters fairly.

Sunhats

Sunhats are a compulsory part of our school uniform during Terms One and Four. Please remember to ensure that your child has a **royal blue 'Bucket or Aussie' style sunhat to wear for their protection.**

Uniform Pool

We have plenty of good quality second hand clothing in the uniform pool. If you wish to have a look at this please come to the school office to arrange this.

A gold coin donation to the school for this clothing is all that is requested except the jerseys which have the new school monogram—these cost \$10 each.

Class Information Evening Tomorrow—Wednesday 8th February

Our beginning of the year class information evening is being held this Wednesday night. Please come along if it at all possible as this evening is a great opportunity to meet your **child's teacher and hear about our plans,** aspirations and expectations for the year. Each teacher will produce a ten minute outline about what is happening in their room; as there are a number of parents who wish to visit more than one class we have run a structured timetable:

Room 1	6—6.10pm
Room 2	6.15—6.25pm
Room 3	6.30—6.40pm
Room 4	6.45—6.55pm
Room 5	7-7.10pm
Room 6	7.15-7.25pm
Room 7	7.30-7.40pm

BNZ School Banking

Reminder that the BNZ collect school Banking every Wednesday morning. Forms are available at the school office if you wish to start an account.

Lunches

Monte Carolo Lunch orders are available on Friday only. (I will attached their list).

Smart Lunches are available Monday to Thursday, the cost is \$3.50 or \$4.50 –larger size.

In the winter terms Smart Lunches have a hot lunch option on a Wednesday, this will be advertised when they start.

St Mary's Choir sang Christmas Carols at the Farmers Market at Christmas Time



Special Character Religious Education

All classes have are learning about the Mercy Charism of our school and working on the first section of the Prayer Module – Te Karakia: An Introduction to Prayer. For background reading please refer to your Family/Whanau book pages 13 and 42.

Also the Myself and Others Module – Ko Au, Ko Ratou will be integrated with our school wide theme for Term One My Community, Family/Whanau book pages 43 -45. From Week Four all classes will be studying the God Strand.

Year 1 are learning that God is the creator of all that is. Family-Whanau Book page 17.

Year 2 are learning about Our Gracious God's many gifts of love, especially the greatest gift of all – Jesus. Family-Whanau book page 20.

Year 3 are learning about how God is present in the world through creation and active in people through grace. Family/Whanau book pg 23.

Year 4 are learning about the Holy Trinity, God's great gifts of creation and the Ten Commandments. Family/Whanau book page 26.

Years 5 will be studying the stories of God's call to Abraham, Sarah and Mary. They will learn how Christians are called to believe in God and help build up the reign of God on earth. Family/Whanau Book pg 29

Year 6 focus on the names and images for God found in the Old and New Testaments and how Christians come to know God through Jesus. Family/Whanau bk pg 32

Years 7 are learning that through the gift of grace people are able to grow in virtue and turn from sin and in this way become more like Jesus. Family/Whanau bk pg 35

Year 8 have the Mystery of God as their focus, Christian Tradition reveals God as Trinity of three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit who as one God creates, redeems and sanctifies.

Family Whanau Book

If you don't have one of these they are available at the school office for \$16 each. They cover all levels so you only need one of these per family.